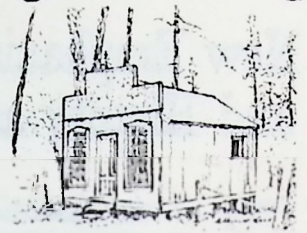


Newsletter of the

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 2001



BUNCOM DAY IS BACK! MAY 26 -- WITH SOME NEW IDEAS AND MANY OLD FAVORITES

Come one, come all! It's time for the 8th annual Buncom Day celebration on May 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Buncom.

For those of you who have been to Buncom Day before, you'll recognize many of the events that make it such a special day, but there are some additional special touches that will be new. They are the result of our member survey and the enthusiastic participation of a number of our members.

All proceeds are earmarked for saving the Buncom buildings and their history. This year, we hope to raise enough money to replace the rotted floor in the Cookhouse.

The Country Store will be back, as will craft vendor booths and food sales. The Upper Applegate Grange once again will host a barbecue as a fund-raiser for their organization. Good Comp'ny will be on hand to provide music throughout the day.

The Parade will be back, at 12:30 p.m. Rumor

COME IN COSTUME, OR BRING A STICK HORSE, AND WIN AN AWARD!

There will be awards at Buncom Day for the best male, female and youth/child old-time/pioneer costume, so get into the swing of things and come dressed up.

Or if costumes aren't your thing, make a stick horse to ride in the Parade (or to let someone else ride), and you can win an award if yours is the best! (See photo on page 2)

WORK PARTY IS SET FOR MAY 19

The Annual pre-Buncom Day work party will be held this year on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m.

Bring your weed-eaters, rakes, brooms, etc. and we'll get the grounds and buildings all cleaned up to be ready for Buncom Day the next Saturday.

We should be finished by noon.

has it that it will be bigger and better than ever.

And there will be wagon rides, a Ruch Library book sale, displays by the BLM and Forest Service, the Applegate Valley Rural Fire Protection District, demonstrations, a petting zoo, and of course: The World Famous Buncom Chicken Splat Contest!

New for this year is participation by Ruch School. We are especially pleased that they will be on hand in two roles: Music students will perform, and there will be a display of students' projects involving the Oregon Trail.

We also plan a new emphasis on our neighbors and pioneer families. We will have a special area where neighbors and pioneers can meet and greet one another. There will be a large map so residents of Buncom and its suburbs can mark where they live.

(See Buncom Day, page 2)

New Emphasis on Neighbors and History at Buncom Day

One of the most-heard comments in our Member Survey earlier this year was that you would like more emphasis on the Buncom neighborhood and history at Buncom Day. We heard you and here's what we have planned:

First, the neighborhood. There will be a special area where residents of the Buncom area can gather, meet one another and chat. We define the Buncom area as anywhere you feel a part of Buncom. Whether it's Little Applegate or Sterling Creek roads, or on up to Dog Fork, or Upper Applegate Road, or even Thompson Creek Road — come by and say hello to your Buncom neighbors.

We will have a map so everyone can mark where they live, and there will be name tags so you can spot a neighbor you may not have met.

As for history, we want to give the same kind of special recognition to those whose families were pioneers at Buncom, whether they still live in the vicinity or not.

We'll have name tags for those folks, too, and a place where they can meet and talk about friendships their families may have started a century or more ago. We'll have some Buncom artifacts out on display, and we hope to start a register of pioneer families and their descendants so we don't lose track of them.

Buncom Day (from Page 1)

Thanks to the generosity of many area merchants, there will be door prizes throughout the day, and a silent auction.

Don't be surprised if there are some other events added to the roster as the time comes. The purpose of Buncom Day is to celebrate our community and its history, and to have a good time in raising money for a good cause.

If you would like to do a display, craft or other activity at Buncom Day, give a call to Connie Fowler (899-7805) or Lyn Hennion (899-7656). We'll be happy to make room if we can!

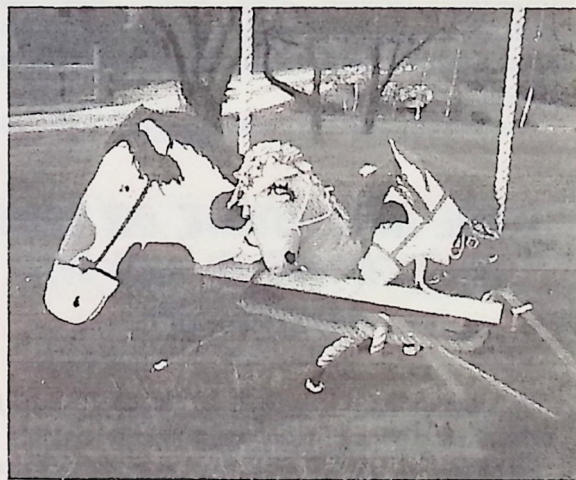
FOR ONE MEDFORD RESIDENT, BUNCOM IS PART OF HIS "MOST ROMANTIC DATE"

Paul Farmer is a single guy who's got Buncom on his mind. He told us that one of his favorite dates includes our little town.

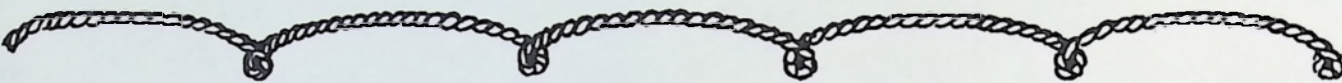
As he drives out the Little Applegate, he shows his ladyfriend the home he calls the "Hobbit House" (the house near Buncom built by Ron and Donna Marchetti and now owned by Harlan and Jackie Musch). Then they hike up Tunnel Ridge where they picnic inside the tunnel, which, he says, is always cool and relaxing on a hot summer day.

Coming back down Little Applegate, they stop at Buncom, where he tells her about the rich history of the area. Then it's into Jacksonville via Sterling Creek Road for a stop at the soda fountain. Since Paul is the resident manager of the Medford Center, we assume the day is topped off with a movie at Tinseltown!

Triple Crown



Make your own stick horse and bring it to Buncom Day. You can ride it in the parade yourself or let someone else. There will be an award for the best horse.



THANKS TO THESE NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS

Ernest & Jane Conrad, Central Point, OR
Lis Cooper & Doug Couch, Portland, OR
Carroll & Lucille Cummins, Grants Pass, OR
Barbara Dallas, Jacksonville, OR
Duane & Linda Daniels, Medford, OR
Randall & Julia Edwards, Salem, OR
Walter & Rosie Emori, Jacksonville, OR
Brian & Sheri German, Medford, OR
Dorann Gunderson, Medford, OR
Petra & Bob Irwin, Jacksonville, OR
Art & Susan Millette, Jacksonville, OR
Noel & Lovella Moore, Central Point, OR
John Morrison, Ashland, OR
Al & Roxanne Pratt, Medford, OR
Marvin & Lilli Ann Rosenberg, Jacksonville, OR
Ron & Cherie Stockfleth, Jacksonville, OR
Fred & Martha Straube, Jacksonville, OR
Marion & Gary Strong, Klamath Falls, OR
Marian Telerski, Talent, OR
Erika Jostad & Dave Yemm, Jacksonville, OR
Leota Cantrall, Medford, OR
Kingsley & Diana Kelley, Lincoln, RI
Edward Cantrall, Springfield, VA
Rod Vanderhoof, Bumpass, VA
Eugene & Lou Bevacqua, Otis Orchards, WA
Robin Conrad, Vancouver, WA

A SPECIAL THANKS ...

Along with their dues, several of our members send additional donations. We would like to offer our additional thanks for their generous support:

Donald & Dolores Coffman
Phyllis Runals
John & Ethel Hassen
Ginny & Jim Post
Otto & Ginny Spechtenhauser
Marvin & Lilli Ann Rosenberg
Bruce & Alice Matheny
Gerald & Sharley Doran
Denni & Doug Bateman
Noel & Lovella Moore

Be Sure to Send The Free Map!

Letter received recently by the Society, from a student in Gray, Tennessee, written in pencil on lined binder paper:

"Dear Sir,

"I want to learn about ghost towns. Please send me a free highway map. Thank you.

"Sincerely,

Alison Cunningham"

(We sent Allison a free map -- and a Newsletter and newspaper articles about Buncom.)

DIRECTORS

Reeve Hennion, President 899-7656
Lyn Hennion

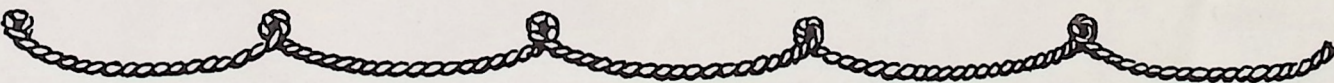
J.B. Roberts, Secretary 899-1125
Carolyn Roberts, Treasurer

Ben Fowler 899-7805
Connie Fowler

The Buncom Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the buildings and history of the ghost town of Buncom, Oregon. Society address: 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

On the Internet:
www.buncom.org

To join the Society, send \$5.00 with your name and address to the Society at 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.



97524-0201

Eagle Point Hist. Society
P.O. Box 201
Eagle Point, OR 97524

U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 33
Jacksonville, OR 97530
BULK MAIL

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
3232 Little Applegate Road
Jacksonville, OR 97530

REMINDER!

If you haven't paid your annual dues, this is the last newsletter you will receive. Renew today - send \$5.00 to Buncom Historical Society, 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.